

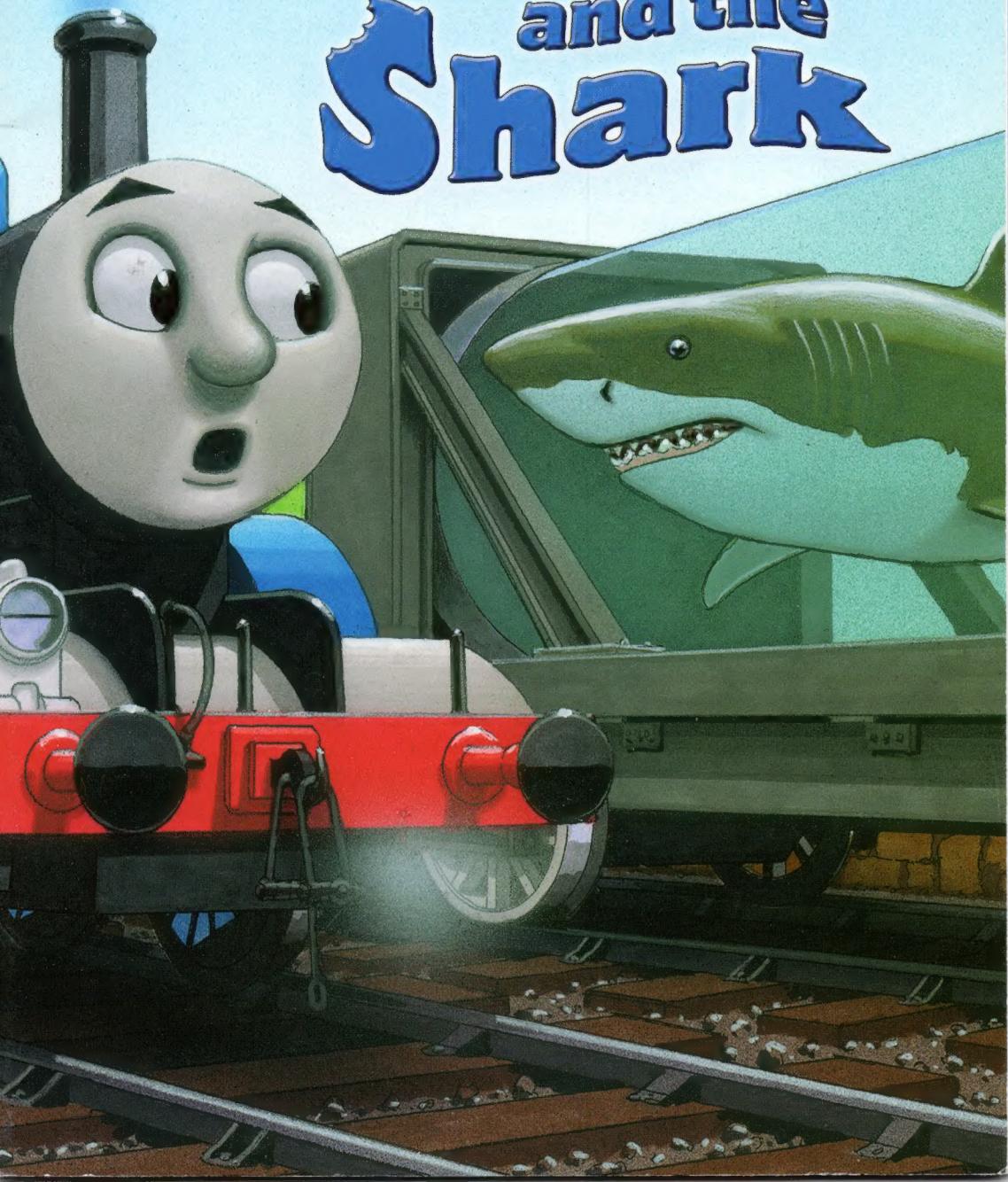
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reading with help

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THOMAS
& FRIENDS™

Thomas and the Shark



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

your name here!

3 of my favorite books

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Here is a picture of me
after I finish a great book!

Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

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For children who are ready to read on their own.



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For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



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Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™

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CREATED BY BRITT ALLCROFT

Based on The Railway Series by the Reverend W Awdry.

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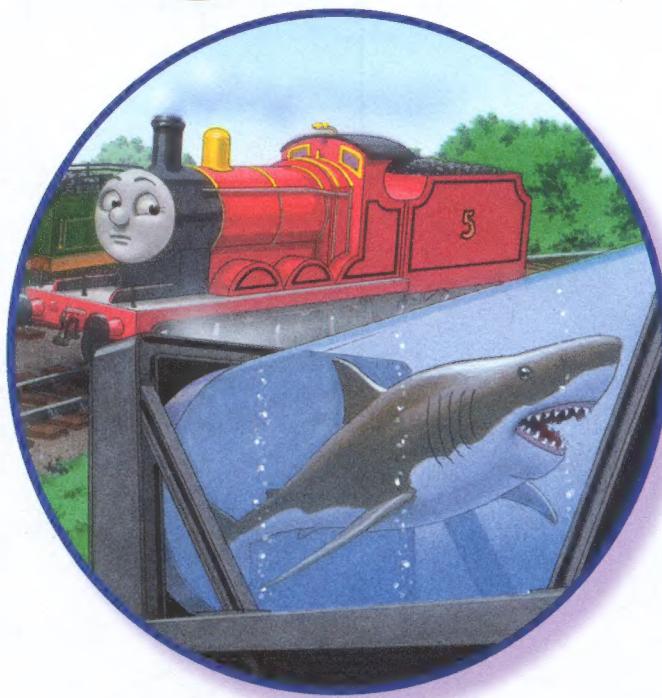


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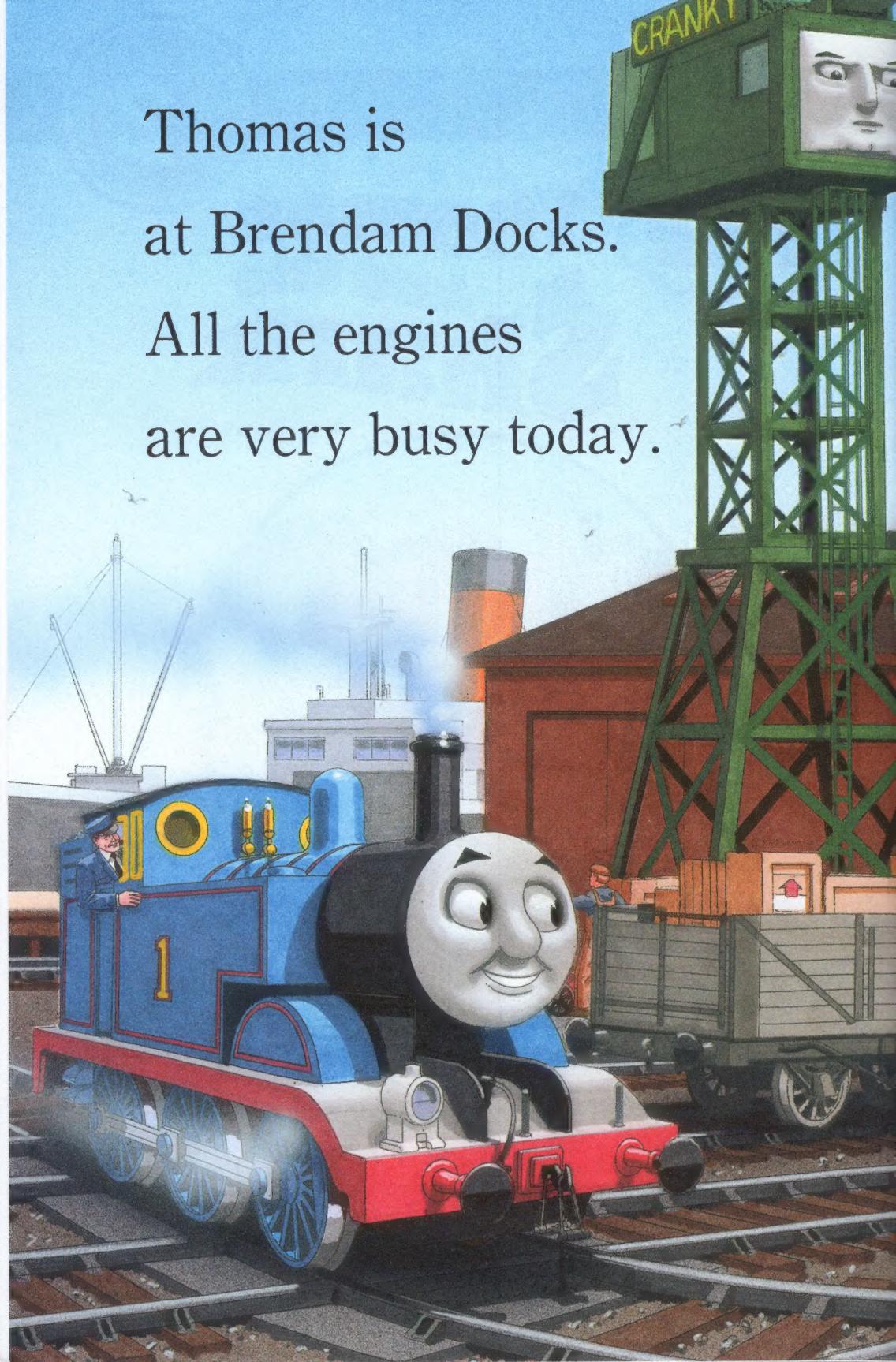
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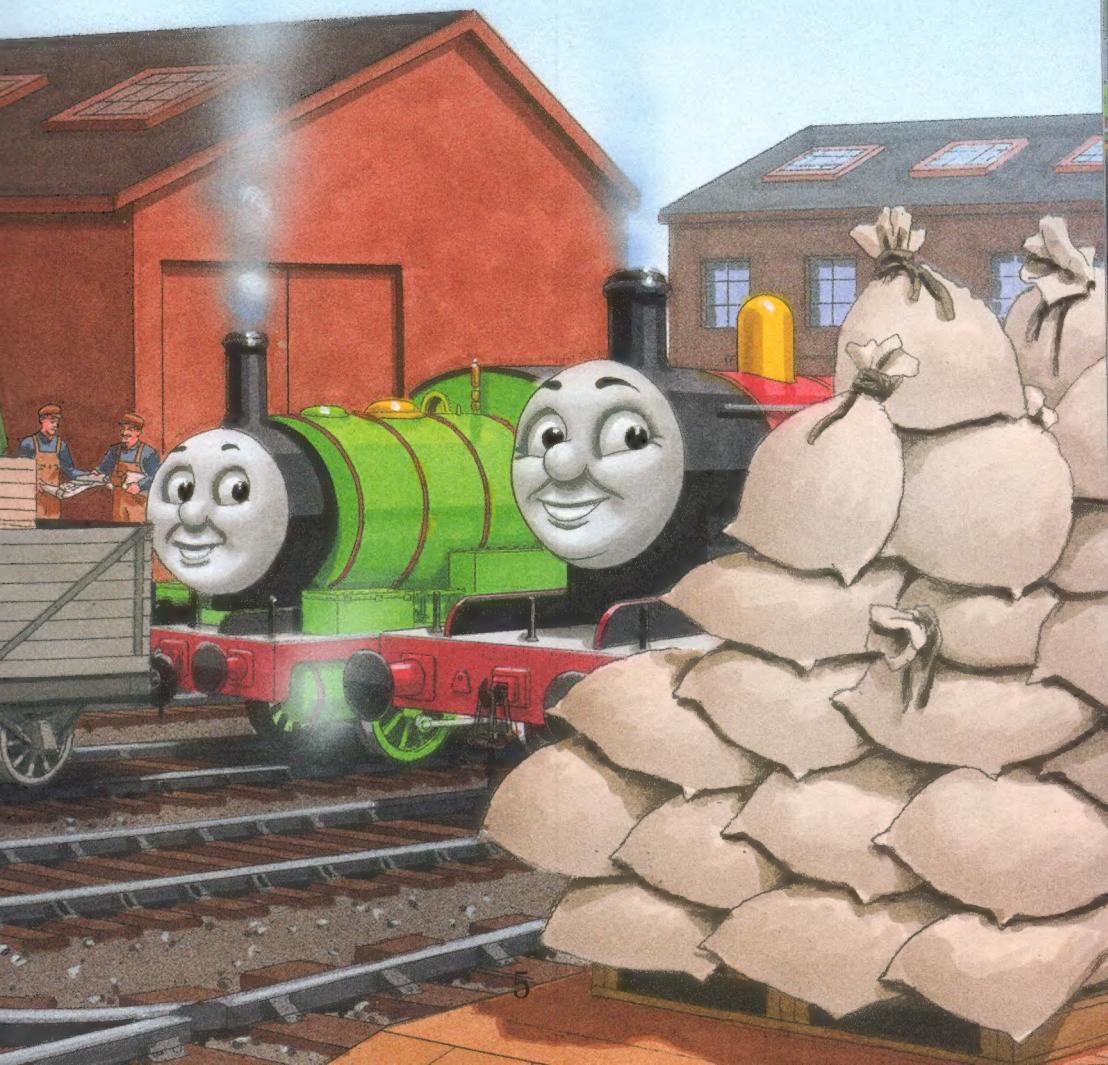
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Thomas is
at Brendam Docks.
All the engines
are very busy today.

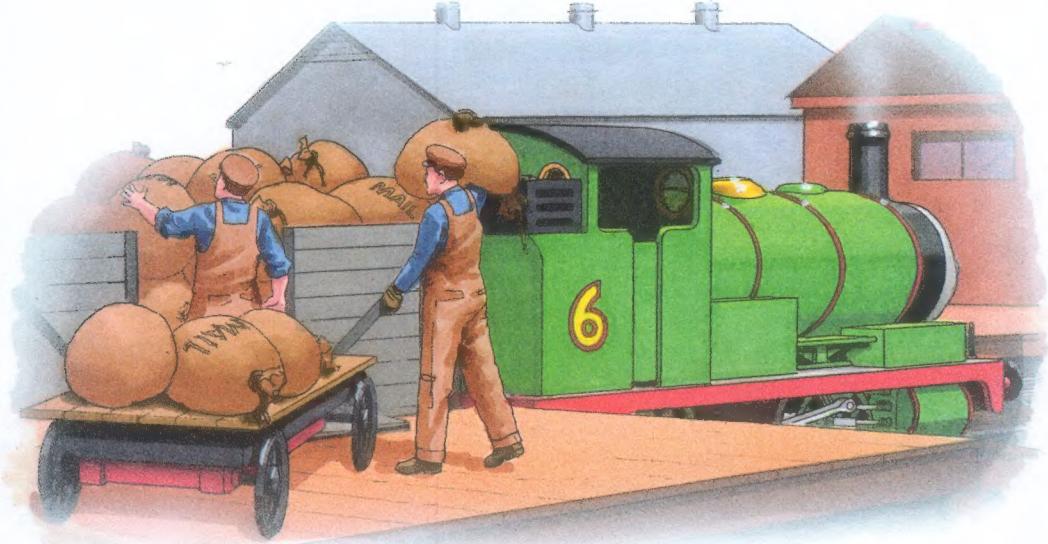


There is a lot of cargo.

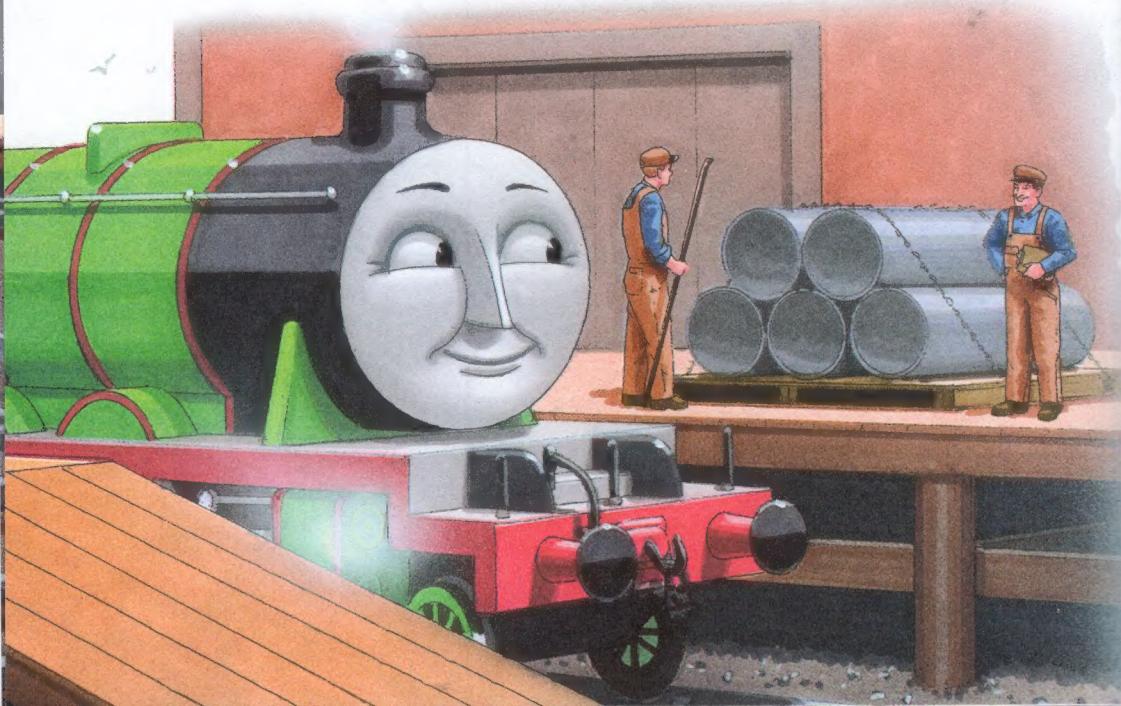
They must take it
around Sodor.



Percy picks up mail.



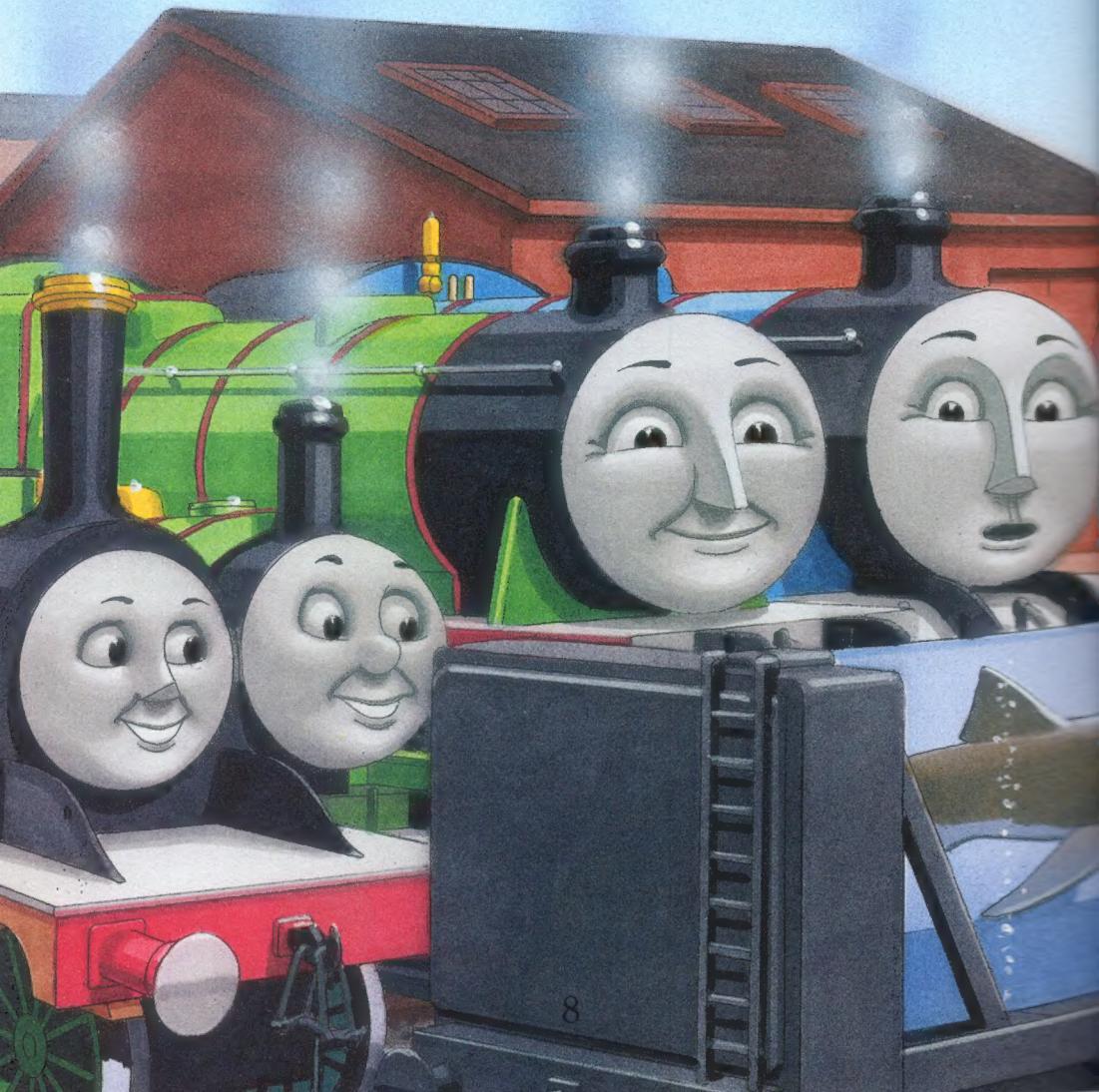
Henry picks up steel.



Thomas picks up flour.
It is almost time
to get moving.



But then
all the engines
crowd around Salty.



Thomas cannot see
what is going on.

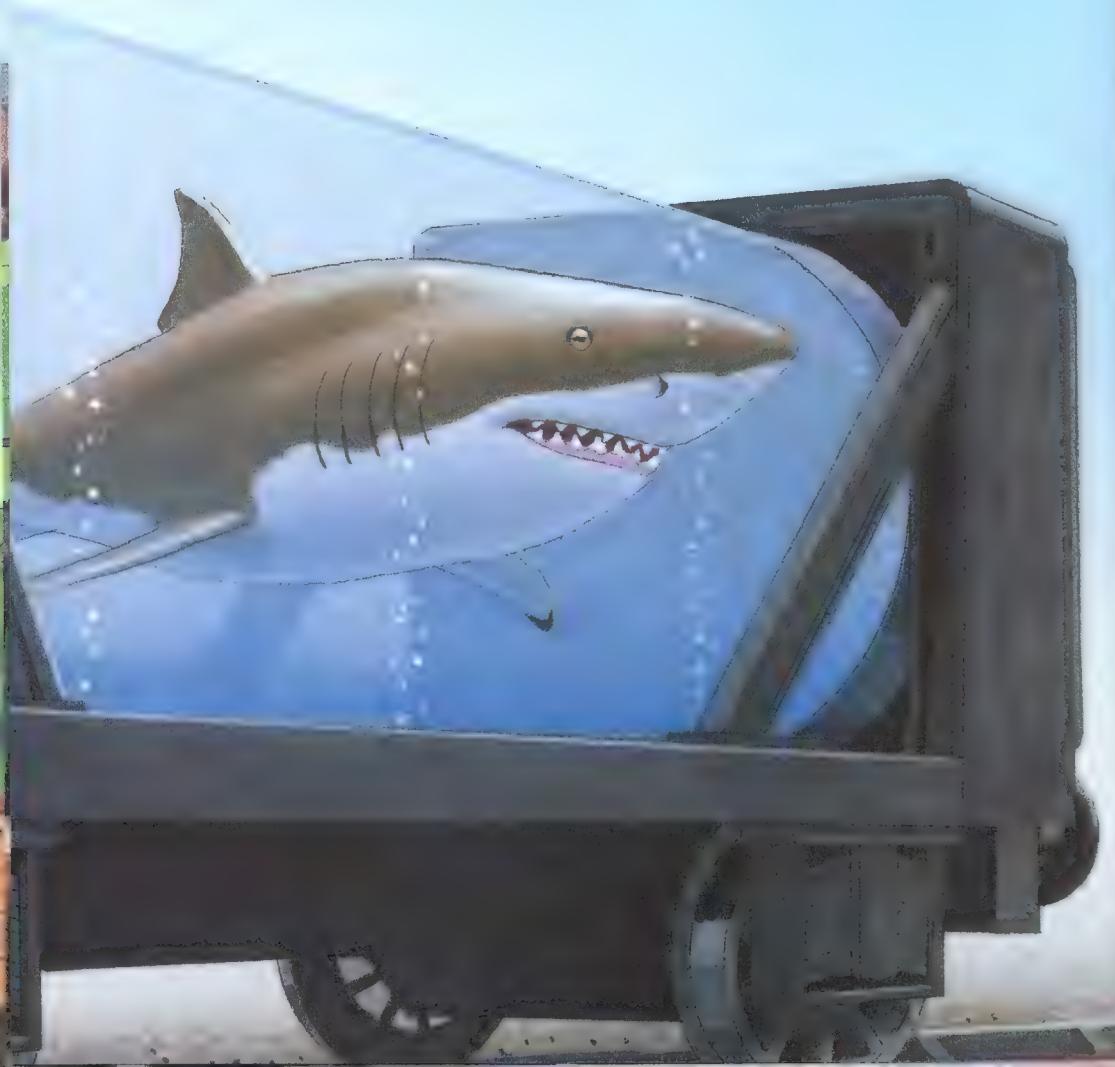
He asks James.

“Salty has a shark!”

says James.



Salty will take the shark
to the Sodor aquarium.
It will live there
with other sea animals.





Thomas wants
to see the shark.
The other engines
are in his way!

Thomas cannot wait
any longer.

He has work to do.

He leaves the docks.



The other engines stay
to see the shark.
They try
to get closer.



Gordon wants
to get the closest.
He bumps
Cranky's hook.



Cranky's hook bumps
into the shark car.
The shark car
comes loose!



The shark car
rolls away.

It starts to roll
down a hill.



Oh, no!

Salty must stop it.

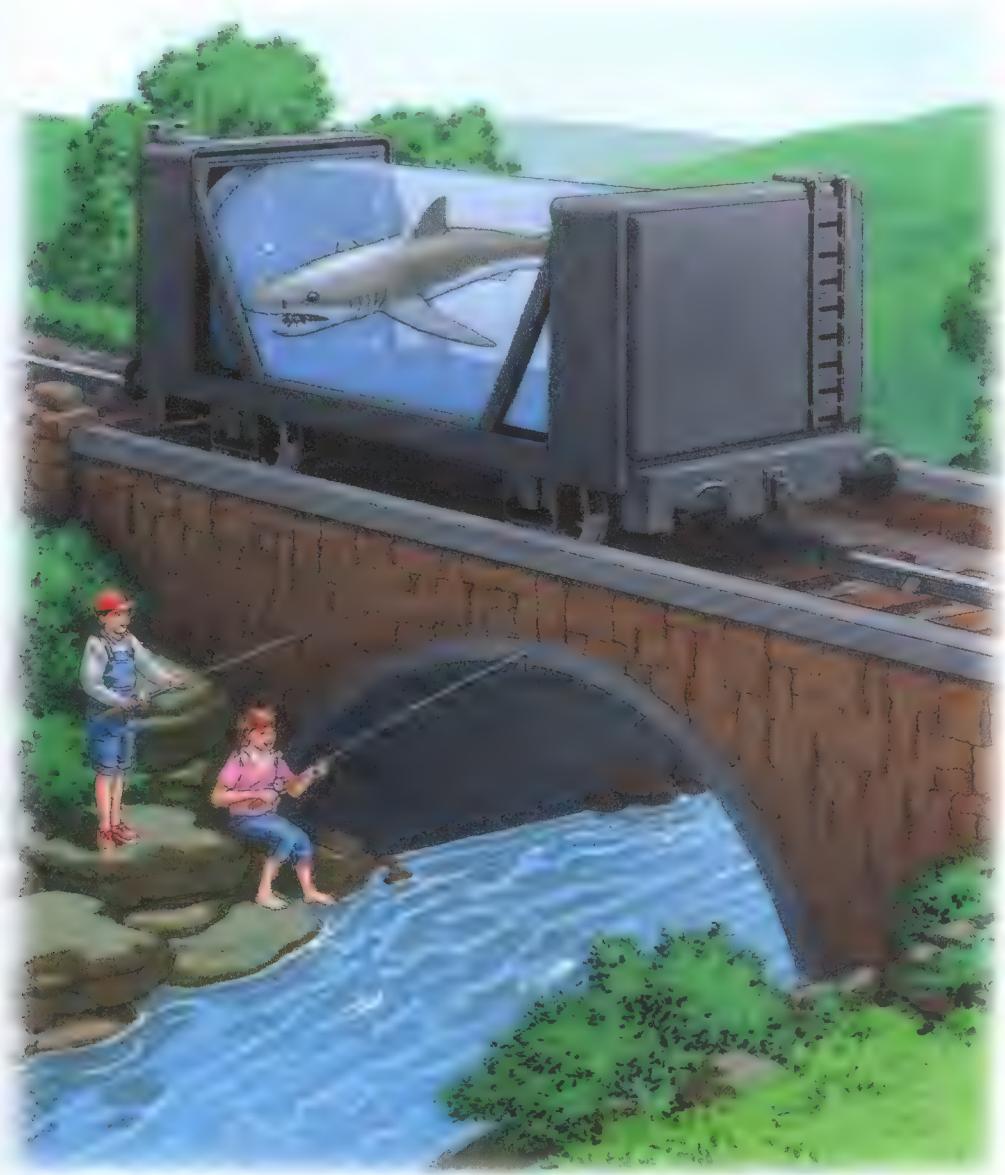


The shark car rolls
and rolls.

It moves faster
and faster.

Salty chases it.





The shark car goes
over a bridge.

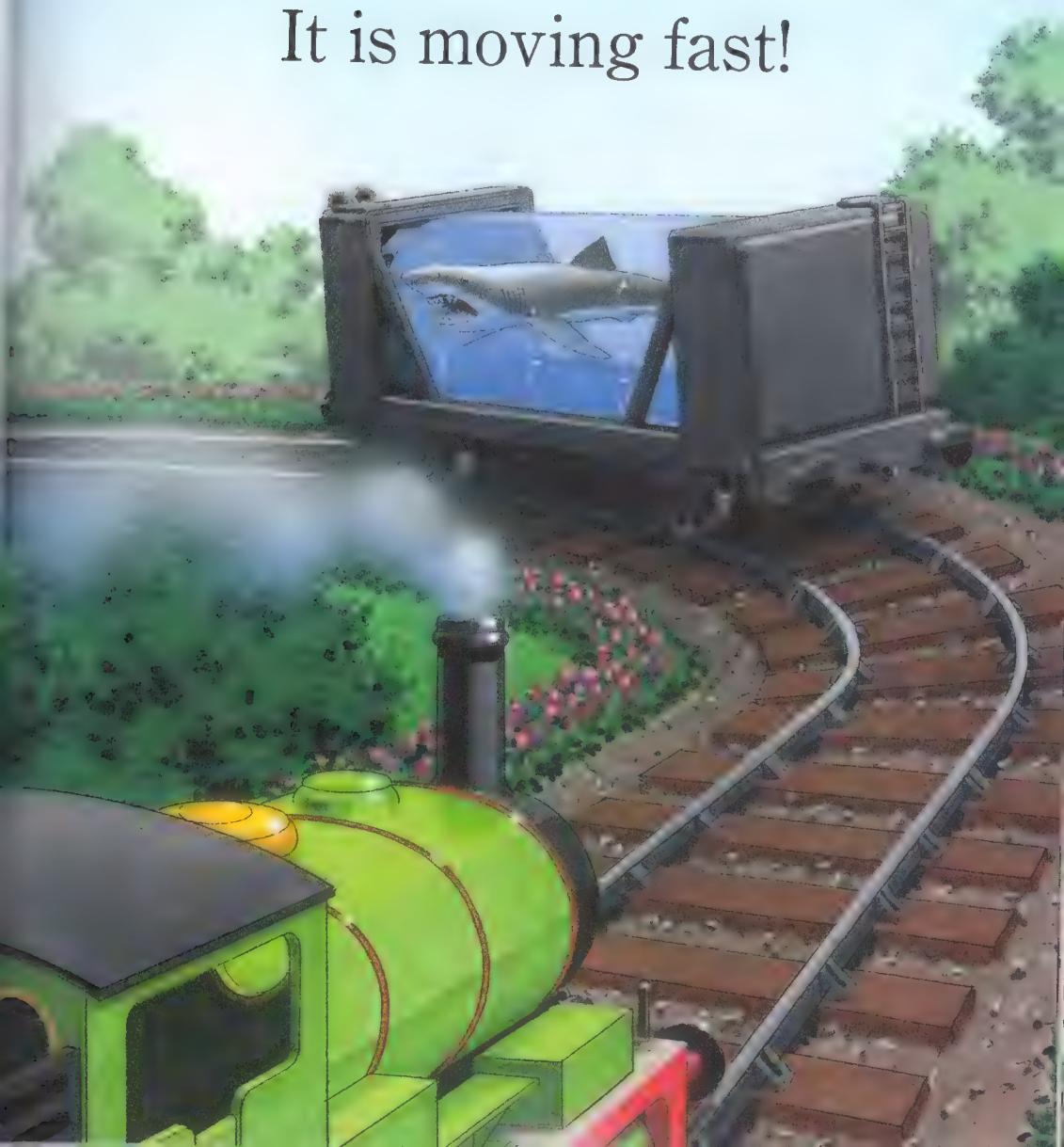
It goes
into a tunnel.
Gordon tries
to catch it.



Percy tries, too.

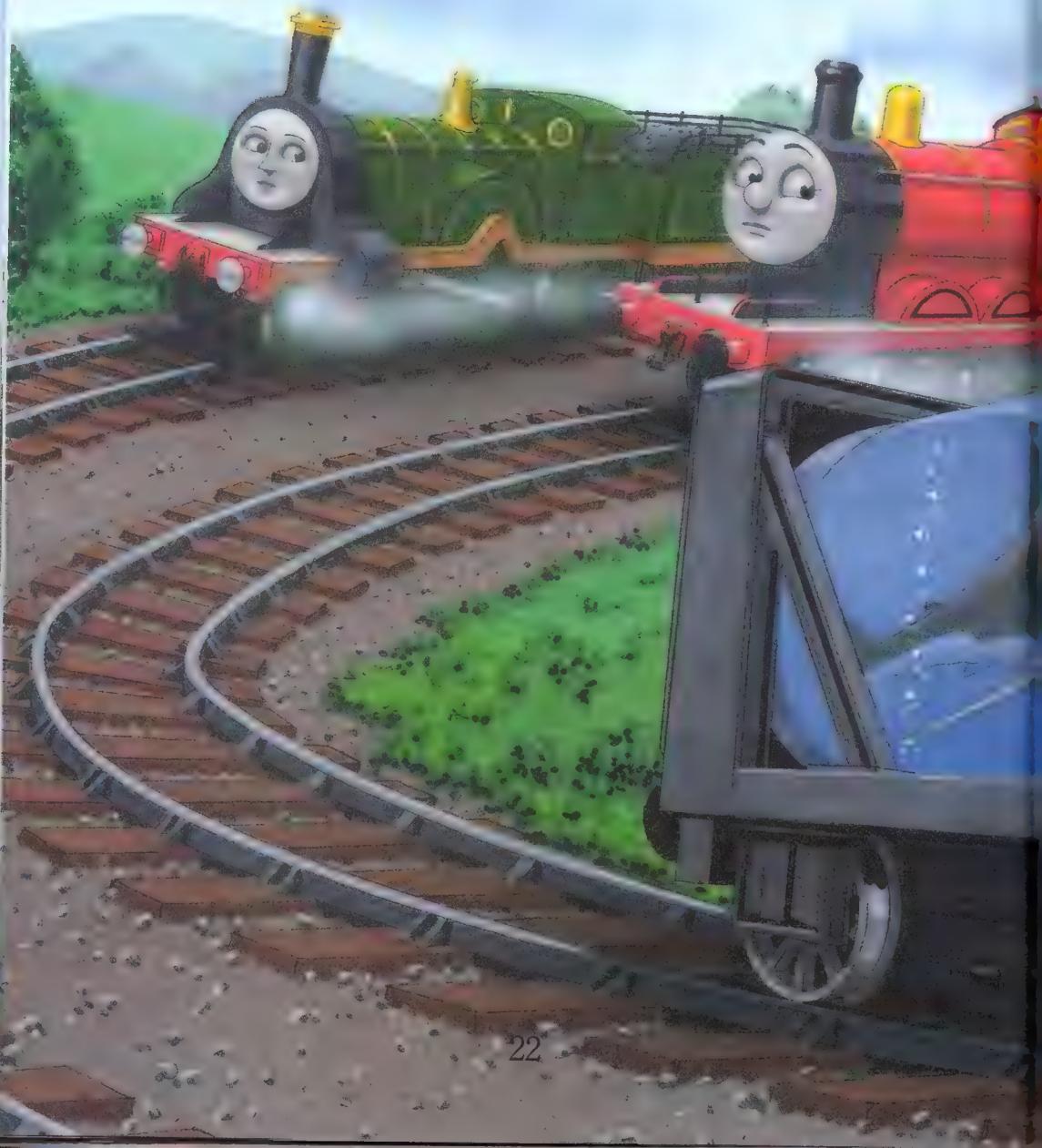
The shark car goes
around a bend.

It is moving fast!



James and Emily

try to help.



None of the engines
can catch up.
The shark car
is too fast!



Thomas is on his way

to the bakery.

He is still sad that

he missed the shark.



He hears peeps

and shouts.



Thomas stops.

He looks

up the hill.



He sees the shark!

It is rolling right
toward him.



Thomas speeds up.

He gets in front
of the shark car.

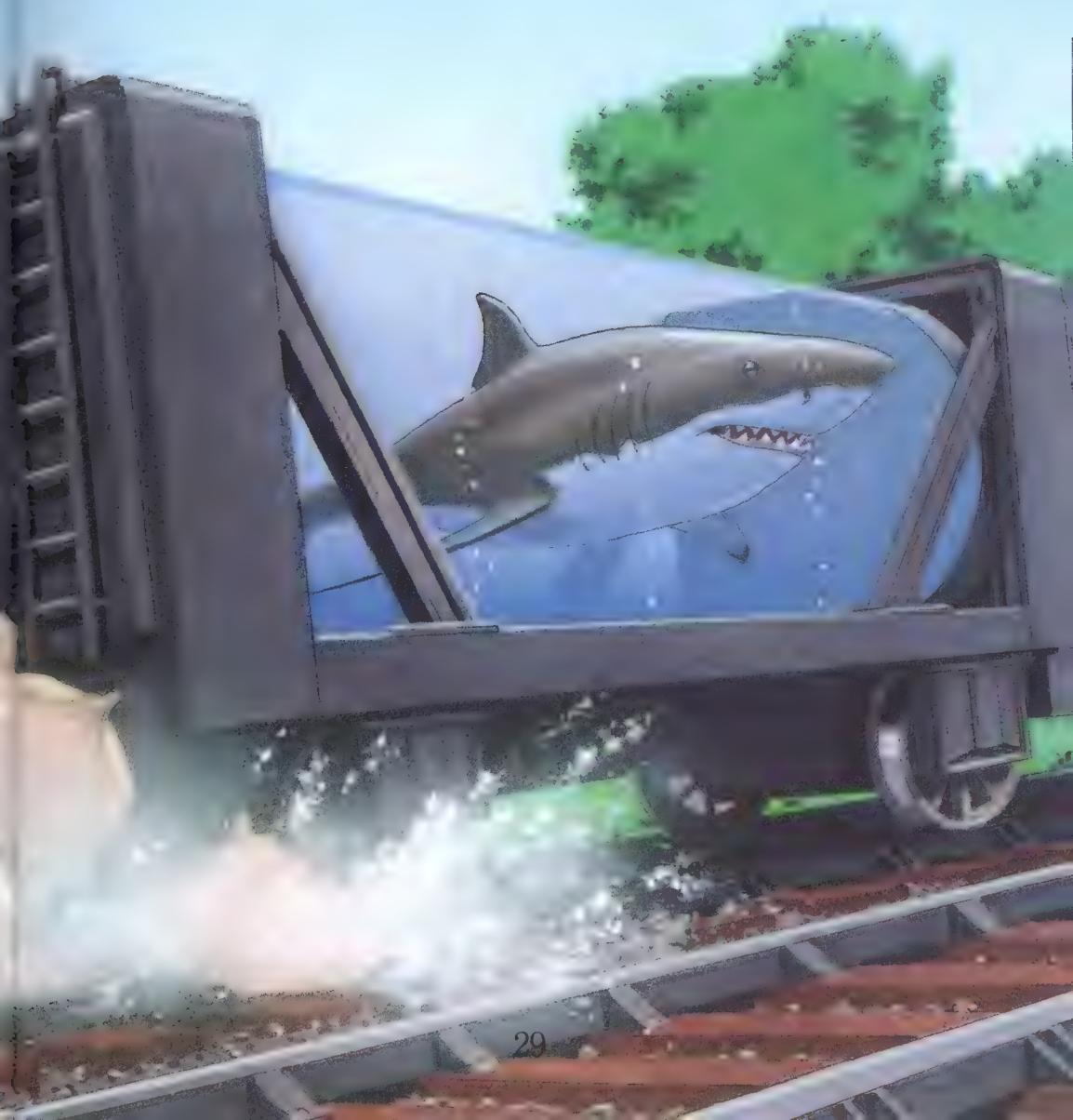
He drops flour
on the track.



The flour slows down

the shark car.

Thomas stops the shark!



Salty and the other

engines catch up.

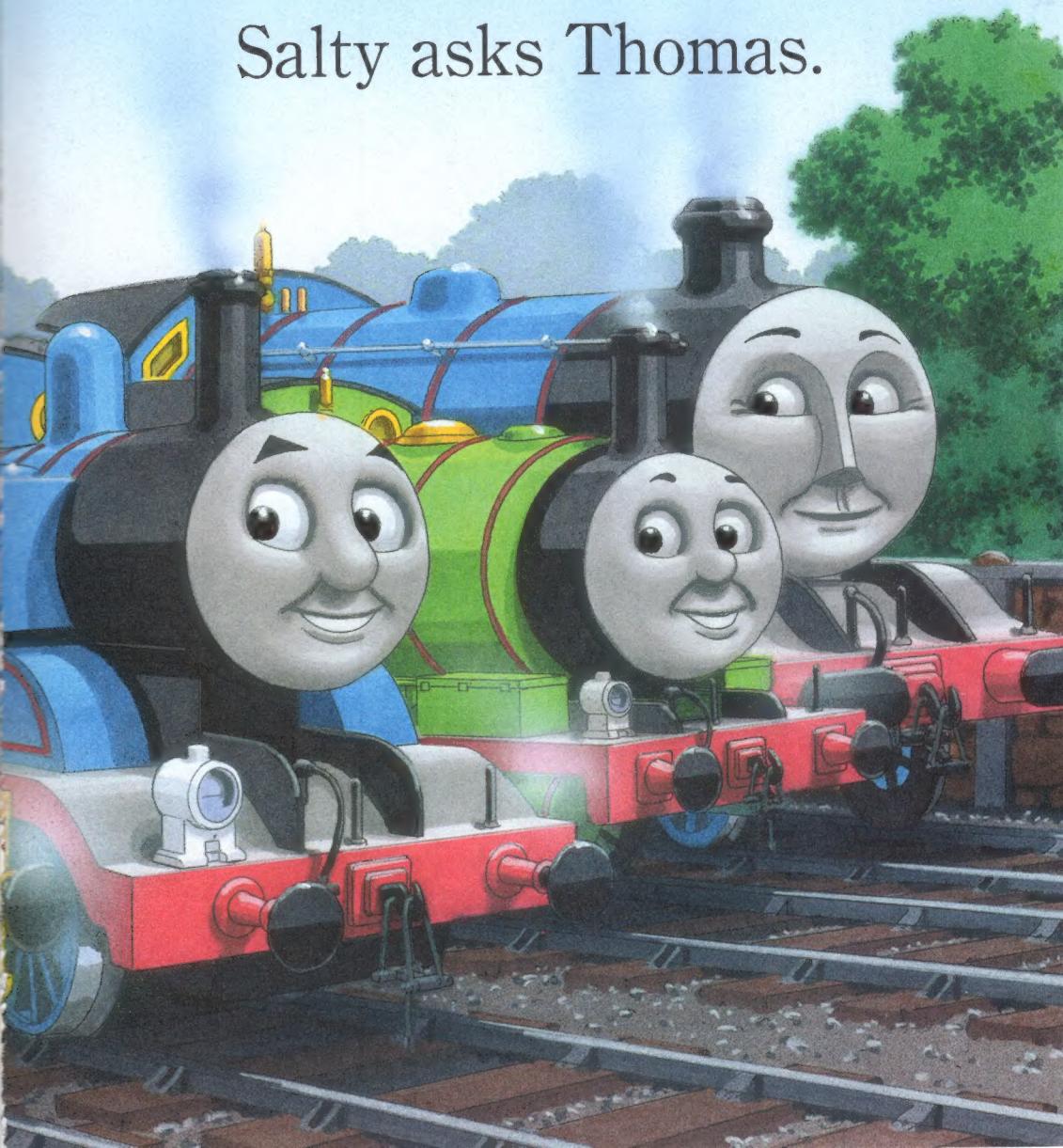
Salty thanks Thomas.

All the engines cheer.



“Will you take
the shark
to the aquarium?”

Salty asks Thomas.



Thomas says yes.

He delivers the shark
safe and sound.

Thomas is a hero!

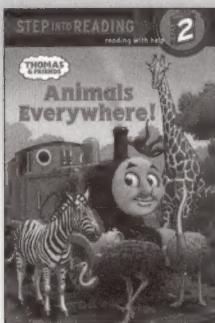


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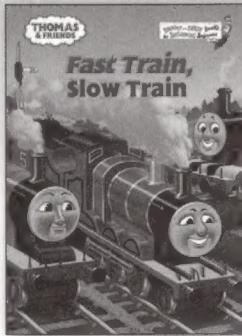
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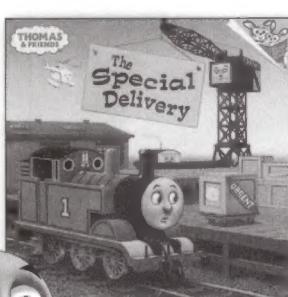
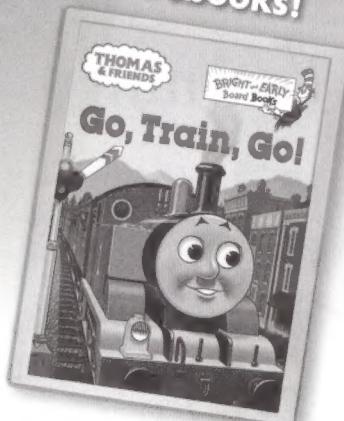
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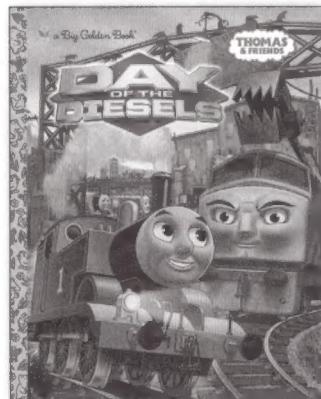
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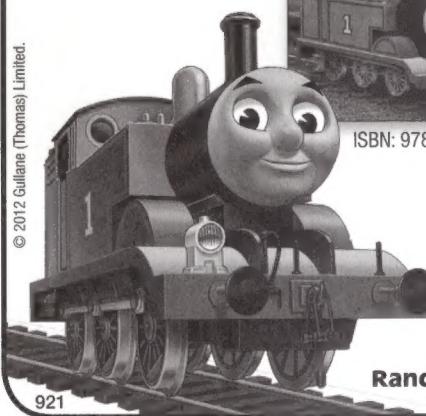


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